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SUBJ NATO SATELLITE GROUND TERMINAL (SGT) IN ICELAND

REF: A. USNATO 4817, DTG 041753Z SEP 75

B. NICSMA/MR(75)21

C. STATE 230636, DTG 262316Z SEP 75 (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY. WORDING, BUT NOT SUBSTANCE, OF FORMAL NICSMA REPORT ON SUBJECT (REF B) DIFFERS FROM THAT WE REPORTED (REF A). THUS, SPECIFIC WORD CHANGES PROPOSED IN REF C ARE INAPPLICABLE. WE SUGGEST A MODIFICATION TO NICSMA REPORT TO ACHIEVE US INTENT, BUT WE BELIEVE PRESENT VERSION IS ADEQUATE FOR ITS PURPOSE AND THAT DETAILED STATEMENTS OF PRIVILEGES AND CONSTRAINTS MAY CONFIDENTIAL

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BE SAVED FOR THE EVENTUAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. REQUEST GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN REF A WE REPORTED SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSAL FOR US MANNING

OF SUBJECT SGT WHICH NICSMA WOULD SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL. THE NICSMA REPORT (REF B) CONTAINS PHRASING DIFFERENT FROM THAT WE REPORTED, ALTHOUGH SUBSTANCE AND INTENT ARE UNCHANGED. THEREFORE, SPECIFIC WORDING CHANGES WASHINGTON PROPOSES IN REF C ARE INAPPLICABLE. WE QUOTE BELOW PARAGRAPHS OF REF B PERTAINING

TO THE PROPOSAL.

BEGIN QUOTE.

14. ACCORDINGLY, NICSMA CONSIDERS THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATO AND THE US AUTHORITIES TO COVER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATO SGT IN ICELAND SHOULD BE BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE FORMULA:-

(A) NATO WOULD FUND, PROCURE AND INSTALL THE SGT IN ICELAND AT THE US MANNED NATO BASE AT KEFLAVIK;

(B) NATO WOULD FUND, PROCURE AND INSTALL THE REQUIRED LOS LINK BETWEEN THE SGT AND THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (BUILDING NO. 839);

(C) THE US WOULD PROVIDE AND PAY FOR THE MANPOWER REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SGT ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:-

(I) THE US WOULD MAN THE SGT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A NATO TABLE OF AUTHORISED PERSONNEL;

(II) A CIVILIAN STATION ENGINEER WOULD BE ASSIGNED AND FUNDED BY NATO;

(D) NATO WOULD PROCURE SPARE PARTS, PAY FOR ELECTRICAL POWER CONSUMED AT THE SGT, AND PROVIDE A "LUMP SUM" REIMBURSEMENT TO THE US FOR OTHER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (BUT NOT MANNING) COSTS IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT AGREEMENT APPLICABLE TO SATCOM II TERMINALS;

(E) THE US WOULD BE PROVIDED 26 STANDARD NATO VOICE CIRCUITS FOR EXCLUSIVE US MILITARY USE. THESE CIRCUITS WOULD BE CARRIED OVER THE NATO SATELLITE BETWEEN THE NATO ICELAND SGT AND THREE EXISTING SGTS;

(F) THE US WOULD PAY FOR ANY ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PRIMARILY MULTIPLEX AND UP-AND-DOWN CONFIDENTIAL

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CONVERTORS) AT ALL FOUR AFFECTED SGTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE INTERCONNECTIVITY FOR US EXCLUSIVE USE. NICSMA WOULD PROCURE AND INSTALL SUCH EQUIPMENT AGAINST REIMBURSEMENT BY THE US;

(G) THE US WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ANY REQUIRED TERRESTRIAL TAIL LINKS TO US NATIONAL USERS OF THE US EXCLUSIVE USE CIRCUITS;

(H) SYSTEM DIRECTION AND SUPPORT, AND OPERATING CONTROL OF THE ICELAND SGT WOULD BE EFFECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATO PROCEDURES;

(I) ALL US INTERFACE EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH NATO SATCOM III AND WITH ASSOCIATED NATO TERRESTRIAL LINKS;

(J) SPECIAL US EQUIPMENT REQUIRED AT THE FOUR
SGTS WOULD BE REMOVED, IF NECESSARY AT NO COST
TO NATO.

15. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE STAFF
POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE FORMULA IN PARAGRAPH 14 ABOVE
WOULD REPRESENT A DEPARTURE FROM CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE
PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES, THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE SUCH AN

APPROACH COULD BE USED AS A BASIS FOR DEVELOPING ANY MOU
BETWEEN NATO AND THE US AUTHORITIES ON THIS MATTER.

RECOMMENDATIONS

16. FROM THE FOREGOING IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:-

(A) THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE BE INVITED TO APPROVE
THE PROPOSED FORMULA SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 14 ABOVE;
AND THAT FOLLOWING THIS THE MILITARY BUDGET
COMMITTEE SHOULD BE INVITED TO ENDORSE THE FORMULA
INSOFAR AS IT REPRESENTS ANY DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL
MBC FUNDING CRITERIA;

(B) NICSMA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MNCS AND THE
APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES, BE INVITED TO DRAW UP
AN APPROPRIATE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BASED
ON THE AGREEMENT REACHED UNDER (A) ABOVE (AND
COVERING THE POINT IN PARAGRAPH 11 ABOVE) AND TO
PRESENT THIS IN DUE COURSE TO THE NATO COMMITTEES
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CONCERNED FOR APPROVAL;

(C) THE INFRASTRUCTURE PAYMENTS AND PROGRESS COMMITTEE
BE INVITED TO NOTE THAT NICSMA, IN THE PREPARATION
OF THE OVERALL TYPE "B" ESTIMATE FOR THE NATO PHASE
III SGT PROGRAMME, WILL MAKE PROVISION FOR COSTS
OF THE ICELANDIC SGT, AND FOR THE EQUIPMENT TO BE
PROVIDED BOTH AT THE ICELANDIC SGT AND AT THE THREE
EXISTING PHASE II SGTS IN ORDER TO MEET THE US
REQUIREMENTS. THESE COSTS WILL, HOWEVER, BE SHOWN
SEPARATELY IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR ANY VARIATION
REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS
CONTEMPLATED ABOVE;

(D) THE NJCEC BE INVITED TO TAKE NOTE OF THIS REPORT
AND OF THE ON-GOING ACTIONS DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT
THE POLICY DECISION OF THAT COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH
A NATO SATCOM III TERMINAL IN ICELAND(1).
END QUOTE

2. WE SUGGEST THAT THE INTENT OF WORDING CHANGES PROPOSED IN REF C
CAN BE ACHIEVED BY MODIFYING PARA 14(I) OF ABOVE-QUOTED TEXT
TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(I) US-OWNED TERMINAL AND INTERFACE EQUIPMENT CONNECTED
TO THE US CIRCUITS WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE SATCOM SYSTEM

AND WILL BE OPERATED IN SUCH A MANNER SO AS NOT TO DEGRADE NATO
CIRCUITS.

3. UPON WASHINGTON AGREEMENT, WE SHALL REQUEST NICSMA TO CHANGE
REF B AS SUGGESTED ABOVE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE WORDING
OF THE NICSMA PAPER IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE PRESENT PURPOSE AND
THAT EXPLICIT STATEMENTS OF PRIVILEGES AND CONSTRAINTS MAY BE
SAVED FOR THE EVENTUAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE. STREATOR

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